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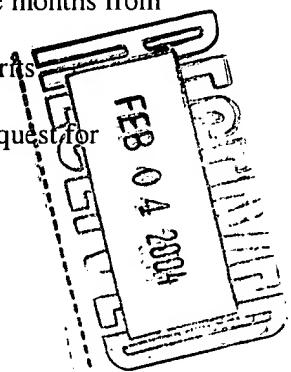
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-143738, published May 28, 1999 with English Abstract.
2. Korean Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-26846, published May 15, 2000.

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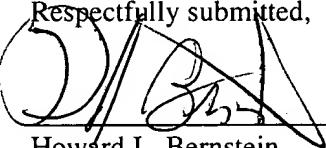
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[1] Claim 13 comprises "a step of comparing and examining specification information and service state" and "a step of proposing a purchase plan"; however, it is not clear whether the constitution of the aforementioned steps is based on human action or is computer based, and thus the language of this claim is unclear.

[2] The inventions described in Claims 1 through 13 of the present application relate to a "system and method for monitoring the status of computer peripherals and using said monitoring information for promoting sales of peripherals." This can be said to provide a peripherals upgrade service using as technical means the method relating to computer system status monitoring and management of Cited Reference 1, and the "technical idea of supporting computer upgrades in itself" that is added to the technical means of Cited Reference 1 is disclosed in Cited Reference 2, and since no difficulty is found in combining the technology of aforementioned Cited Reference 1 and Cited Reference 2, the inventions described in Claims 1 through 13 of the present application cannot be patented, as provided under Article 29, Subsection 2 of the Patent Law.

[Attachments]

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